ROBOT ACTIVATES

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As the cock crows for another day of baloney sandwiches, STRINGFELLOW YAM bounds down stairs past china ducks affixed to wood chip magnolia walls and greets his father who's straightening his tie in hall mirror .

CHRIS YAM I want your support if i'm going to get this coach drivers job son .

STRINGFELLOW YAM You got it ,must run ,end of term at CARDINAL WOLSEY'S and it's mufti day .

CHRIS YAM Who you going as DICK TURPIN .

STRINGFELLOW YAM A highwayman? if I can get a flintlock with this half mask, failing that SPORTS CASUAL,

He steps out the green vinyl silk laminated front door and trotts across crazy paving past tulips and pansies waving two fingers at sissies and shuts his front garden gate to traverse a maize of semi-detached houses to CARDINAL WOOLSEY'S SCHOOL .

With timing sponsored by Casio Digital watches, he crosses-VERNON ST and sees James Granger walking towards him-and they continue eating buttered croissants with expresso to a high wire fence surrounding the grounds of Cardinal Wolsey's school.

Through the grass fronted reception and over the sky blue and cream tiled dining room to a one storey extension at the back of the building and up the red and white tiled corridor to class 5B.

Tim Your late our Kevin will be here any minute.

STRINGFELLOW He's putting his brylcreem on in the janitors locker.

MICHAel sullivan Yeah, he's using tennis shoe whitener on his hair, while they're selling hippie wigs at Tesco's.

GRAHAM What's first lesson Michael ?

MICHAEL SULIVAN Well, the first lesson is taking the chewing gum out of your mouth and your hands out your pockets.

KEVIN FORTISQUE THERE FORM MASTER OPENS THE DOOR > If you could get to your seat now, when I call the register just shout.

STANLEY RATCHET NOT TOO LOUD >

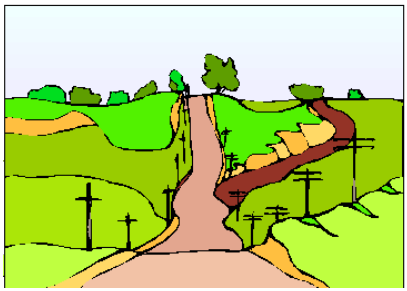
KEVIN FORTISQUE Just to remind you that your mock GCSE's start from tomorrow so pay close attention to your revised timetable and know which exam you're taking.If you haven't got an exam to take, you're expected to study, though if you ask Rodney or Bernice they might let you play table tennis.

GRAHAM WE ALL WANT TO PASS OUR EXAMS Sir, and get to that new sixth form building

pointing to the house next to sports field.
KEVIN ……..GO-TO-ASSEMBLY>
T he Trafalgar Gang leave there classroom and walk along the black and white tiled corridor with widows evenly spaced showing the playground and sports field and across to the assembly room, j ust as the teachers s tep up past a sandy yellow velvet curtain and take there seats on chrom and wicker chairs at the back of the stage .Headmaster Denim walks up to his teak and elm lectern .
MARICE DENHOLM SING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
TRAFALGAR GANG ?
YOU CAN FIND US ANYWHERE
AT CLOPPA CASTLE
WHERE YOUR FRIENDLY ENEMY
AT CLOPPA CASTLE
WHERE LIVING IN HARMONY
AT CLOPPA CASTLE
AT CLOPPA CASTLE…….. After assembly The whole school goes to their first assignments, along the extension to a classroom where DIANA BUNKER is ready in a Pastel cardigan, cream blouse gray knee length ROY rt with chalk and a blackboard ,And SARAH DUNLOP starts handing out textbooks in CREAM BLOUSE AND TARTAN PLEATED knee LENGTH ROY RT .
SARAH DUNLOP I 'm going to teach you all about the PENINSULA WAR OF 1808 -1815 AND THE LEAD UP TO THE Battle of WATERLOO. DIANA

BUNKER The leading figure being THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON who started his campaign against the French by driving them out of Lisbon and then took his troops through Spain and captured MADRID IN 1812, and WATERLOO IN 1815
.
Graham By the way Miss it was good to see you last week at the rehearsals for the NEWTOWN amature dramatics .
DIANA BUNKER I have a good part in TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES for the amateur dramatics society . If your very good I 'll let you set things up at the recreation ground on the opening night and I might let you be roadies for the world tour .
SARAH DUNLOP Michael, can you close the blinds so I can use the overhead projector?
STRINGFELLOW I was boning up last night and I just have to ask Miss , If William the Conqueror was catholic, and conspired with scandinavian vikings at Hastings , and Charles I went to spain and married .
DAVID MANNING Was oliver Cromwell protestant ?
DIANA BUNKER AS LORD PROTECTOR, HE NEVER SAID .
SARAH DUNLOP But Many historians say that If the monarchy had not been restored w ith Charles the second t hat the country would have been Protestant as JOHN LAMBERT was popular with the english revolution .
DIANA BUNKER However they ate him in a donner kabab in 1350 and BLOODY MARY killed protestants during a sex orgy with king PHILLIP 2ND of SPAIN .
ANN FITZGERALD You're saying that Cromwell didn't just and send out MATTHEW HOPKINS to sacrifice witches?If they done something.
STRINGFELLOW YAM If they stop the hens laying or turn the milk sour.
DIANA BUNKER ENGLISH CIVIL WAR brewed from bitter rivalries of dukes - deans. SARAH DUNLOP And in betweens dating back to the War of the Roses ,I'll have that essay on monday
.
DIANA BUNKER Class dismissed .
After the history lesson the gang meet up at the locker rooms where Stanley ratchet has a surprise for them.He pulls out a toy truck with made out of meccano, and electric remote control pad.
STANLEY RATCHET You'll like this. I was racing it along my street this morning as soon as my dad got me up and gave it to me.

JAMES That looks fast ,so you're gonna show us what this baby can do then.
MICHAEL Yes Stanley, take it out to the playground and frighten the first year and we‟ll be right behind you.
They go out of the back entrance to cardinal wolsey's and place the truck on the tarmac before switching on the remote and practicing.



ELSEWHERE>> RUFFUS and ROY are at recreation ground adjacent to ST LUKES church ,and have decided to have a break.
ROGER So when you seeing that girl you met on the internet then Ruffus.
RUFFUS When I leave here and if things go well you can meet her.
They walk over and sit down on grass near the gates surveying the whole recreation area and spot the the foundation mascot LASAFAIRE ,disguised as a sculpture from the technical college .
A brand new program starts in his memory.His CPU [central processing unit]is fed a video of banger racing that was filmed at newtown RACE TRACK by our Trafalgar gang .
He activates and notices that a STAFFORDSHIRE TERRIER is peeing on his leg, then his electronic eye takers in the rest of his surroundings .
LASAFAIR I must not let this fine car go to the scrap merchants .
The robot can be heard saying “this can not happen” and can be seen move from his position with other sculptures ,striding purposefully to the front entrance.
RUFFUS Where are you going I don't think he's supposed to do that
ROY Shall we follow that robot and see where he's going . ROGER Isn't he supposed to be masquerading as a lifeless statue for the general public.

RUFFUS Alright we'll follow that Robot , see where he's going and i'll phone Stringfellow.
ROY Don't give me none of that Jive-RUFFUS.How did the robot start without a prefix code?
RUFFUS A Staffordshire terrier peed on its leg.
ROY Oh, they're nice dogs, they are. I like them.

They run out the recreation ground singing cockney rhyming slang and **give me a London girl every tim** e and clamber into their Luton van , RUFFUS guns the engine to follow the missing ROBOT, effectively sculpture in the Recreation Ground unbeknown to unwitting passes is actually the mascots of the Oliver Moss Foundation and squirrels vegan fast food restaurants .

ELSWARE …On a tarmac playing ground STANLEY RATCHET is maneuvering a MACANO truck into goal when STRINGFELLOW gets a call from RUFFUS .
RUFFUS That robot mascot has left the playing fields and is Heading out of town at high speed, .
STRINGFELLOW Do you think he's working for the Foundation or he's been activated by a a rival organization?
RUFFUS I 'll catch him up in the van , but I might lose him in the

traffic.
Stringfellow walks around the side of the building where he won't be overheard by the other kids .
STRINGFELLOW Try to stay with him and I'll call JO CAPP at the foundation HQ. RUFFUS To let them know the robots on the rampage.

At the foundation HQ in bath Joe CAPP is in his office when he gets a call from the gang.
STRINGFELLOW `Joe we have three of our friends following your ROBOT through NEWTOWN.
JOE That's not expected
.
STRINGFELLOW And the whole town is going to recognise him .
JOE I'm looking at his program, which is supposed to be offline. His usual program is still down and the screensaver shows your video from NEWTOWN RACE TRACK.
STRINGFELLOW There you go guys's we made the robots screensaver at the race track last week after the match against the STRETCH ARMSTROUNGS when your reporter gave us a digital camera .
JOE When you sent that video in, Oliver told me to incorporate it into his programming for when it's

offline.
STRINGFELLOW S o when we're not getting reports from live feeds from LISAFA I R we're seeing the video we made at the racetrack is that right Joe ?
JOE If we match this screen saver to the moment he went AWOL I can see that a damaged RENAULT MAGANN is lining up on a steep ramp and is driven at speed, only to crash when it lands.
DAVID So you saying that it ' s a sentient ROBOT now?
JOE Our main computer ORAC did not start him up but I think that OLIVER is running an experiment and I'll have to check with him. In the meantime , get RUFFUS and ROY to hunt him down.
JOE CAPP I'm coming straight down and after retrival I'll take him to one of our holding facilities .
STRINGFELLOW You mean JUGHEAD at MILTON KEENS?
JAMES We can bunk off the rest of the day , we‟ve only got a GCSE revision .
TIM GETTING A RENEGADE Robot back could be more tricky than forcing a zepplin up a cat's backside lads, you know what I mean.
STANLEY RATCHET Wait for me to put this truck back in my locker and I'll be with you .
Stanley is holding on to his TONCA TRUCK
MANNING We better hurry up if we're going to catch Ruffus and Roy,they have a head start.
T he gang leave the playground by a side entrance then traverse a maize of semi-detached houses towards the recreation ground, and over stony bridge ,with the canal passing underneath and see Ruffus , Roy, and Roger coming the other way in there LUTON VAN . It stops next to them and Roger opens the sliding door of the trailer for us to climber in and hold on to the rigging with bungee ropes .
RUFFUS We lost him ten minutes ago though he was heading this way.
TIM I knew it .
ANN FITZGERALD D o the hocky pocky and turn around .
ROY Didn't I tell you it would be like finding a needle in a haystack .
STRINGFELLOW gets a call from JOSEPH CAPP .
JOSEPH CAPP I've received a signal from NEWTOWN

BREAKERS YARD next to the race track where you filmed his screen saver .
RUFFUS Strap yourselves down while I accelerate, we are heading for the breakers yard.

Elsewhere at Houston Towers in Bath.Has finished his assignment on Moss Radio and checked his correspondence then walks down the red and white corridor to a blue and pink lift for a travel tube down to the underground car park. . He walks over to a wall mounted intercom, past sports cars and mobility scooters and dial the number.
JOE CAPP MAIL--IN TEKER-to-DONALD MOFFAT
The shutters roll up as he clambers into his yellow sports car and he guns the engine and drives past sports cars and mobility scooters up a ramp entering the mid morning traffic and presses a button on his steering wheel INTERCOM.
JOE CAPP Send the coordinates of the breakers yard with Maggie filbin Jill Gasgoine, Leslie Ash and Tracy Louise Ward.
STRINGFELLOW Just we arriving at the Newtown breakers yards just the Stones throw away from the race course where we film the screen saver that caused LASAFAIR to break his program and become a sentient rifle.
ROLLING THUNDER drives into Newtown Industrial Estate through a highway offence and upper loose gravel path then parks near the office of the scrap merchants, ROY clambers out of the cab and runs over into the office, a prefabricated Hut with green bay's felting on the roof shoulder with breeze blocks .
ROY The office is empty .
GRAHAM Let's split up and find him .
Ann There must be a member of staff around here.

Lora T he place is a potential death trap, we should be careful poking around.
RUFFUS JUST STAY IN PAIRS AND LOOK OUT FOR MOVING VEHICLES.
THEY SPLIT UP ….. through a maze of broken cars , and after a short time the two girls hear banging and crashing coming from behind a stack of cars.
As they come around the corner a group of workmen in overalls are staring up at the Robot , who is dragging a RENAULT MAGANN from a large pile of cars.
FORMAN L isten Robot we've called the police and we want you down from there, this is a dangerous area.
LORA DENHAM and A NN FITZGERALD use there touch screen phones and text the gang to rendevous and are soon joined by the rest of the gang .
" please come down , you know us, where your friends"
LASAFAIR **I must save this fine creature from that giant crushing machine behind me and rebuild it.**
RUFFUS Look man,come down and we‟ll buy the MAGANN .LASAFAIR climbs down from the cars his hydraulic metal legs clacking on car bonnets and hoods,and clambers off the tail gate of a pick-up-truck .
LASAFAIR I agree, i‟m ready to come back to the recreation ground .
ROY You're coming with us now my metal friend.
RUFFUS We have orders to take you to the OLIVER MOSS center in Milton keynes.

Elsewhere….. JOE CAPP is traveling at speed along a motorway and switches an INTERCOM tm on his steering wheel and patches in a live feed from NEWTOWN BREAKERS YARD tm .
CAPP I ' ll come and buy the MAGANN
LORA You‟ll be lucky Joe, plenty of residents have

seen him now.
The Robot cl ambers into ROLLING THUNDER tm his hydraulic legs extending and moving on a caterpillar track into the side of the cargo hold, then STRINGFELLOW jumps up and starts strapping it with bu n gie ropes, as the rest of his gang grab rigging on the side of the LUTON VAN .
ROLLING THUNDER drives over a loose gravel car park and out of the high wire fence onto the highway and sets course for MILTON KEYNES .
Rolling Thunder then drives to the town center of Newtown stopping outside the arnale center adjacent to McDonald's and theTrafalgar gang clamber out and jump off the tail gate ,then make a bee-line for the fast food chain .
RUFFUS This fella needs some major reprogramming by experts thank you for your help . ROY ` And good luck with your GCSE revision timetable .
LATER ON ….. Rolling Thunder drives through the gates of CHAUCER INDUSTRIAL ESTATE , parks on a loose gravel car park adjacent to an aircraft hanger of UNIT 1.
KEN STRAKER, JIM FERGUSSON , ERIC YOUNGBLOOD and JACK-BE-NI MBLE come out of the side of unit 1 , and walk over to the van as ROY gets out the passenger door and walks around opening up for them to admire the robot.
ERIC YOUNGBLOOD You love it here we got a 400 meter we got a 200 meter circuit around all the units .
KEN STRAKER Y ou coming for a tour?
ROY L ets go, you coming ROBOT?
He and RUFFUS clamber out of ROLLING THUNDER, and the robot glides on caterpillar tracks onto the tail gate island is lowered then it's hydraulic legs extend vertical till it's standing on two metal legs making loud squelching slapping sounds as it lumbers after them .
KEN STRAKER Ah JIM-ME-LAD, Be polite and kind to Captain Smollett and Doctor Livesey.Oh, we won't find Captain Flint treasure.
ERIC YOUNGBLOOD Pieces of eight.
JIM FERGUSSON g et your laughing gear round this then .
He hands out bottles of NewCastle Brown Ale and they start the 200 meter circuit around the industrial the choice are Industrial Estate the robots metal feet making a **squelching slapping sound on the tarmac .**

RUFFUS By the time we make one circuit of this 200 meter track JOE CAPP should have arrived
ROY He says not to let you out of our site till he gets here.
LASAFIAR I've got to convince him to let me back in the foundation COMM 5G NETWORK.
RUFFUS ` You brought this on yourself now.
LASAFIAR i‟m reduced to watching banger racing at NEWTOWN RACE TRACK .
RUFFUS Like they do on ITV4 after the SWEENEY, with JOHN THAW as JACK REGAN .
ERIC Is he coming on my show then Ken?
LASAFAIR Yes Eric I'm coming on JUGHEAD.
RUFFUS I'll put in a good word for you and you can host JUGHEAD with ERIC, and JACK-BE NIMBLE .
GERALDINE BREWER I'll be P-P-LONGSTOCKINGS ? We can give him the best lines and increase the audience .
ERIC His song shall be "some day my prince will come" to take us into part two of the show .
RUFFUS Like second hand car dealers sing every morning while opening there show rooms ?
ERIC EXACTLY
They finish there circumference of the 200 meter circuit around the POLARIS INDUSTRIAL ESTATE and arrive back at unit 1 that looks like a small aircraft hanger and go in by the door next to the red and white check awning above iron shutters the robot making a squelching slapping sounds with his hydraulic legs until he arrives at the centre of Studio One.
LASAFAIRE I'll power down until Joe Gets here and I can convince him to let me back in .
ERIC YOUGHBLOOD T his is where we‟ll host the show .
GERALDINE The THROWN ROOM .
KEN STRAKER There'll be mountings Above The Gantry and there might be some paint guns .
RUFFUS By mountings you mean video cameras or hot greasy ram rod action hunting the salami.
ERIC YOUNGBLOOD W ith me in the center and JACK BE NIMBLE, and GERALDING BREWER as P-P-LONGSTOCKINGS .
.
David Chang arrives saying -S orry i‟m late I couldn‟t find my costume.?
ERIC YOUNGBLOOD Just wait till we start filming JACK-

BE-NIMBLE you‟re my number 2.
David chang Do I have to put up with this?
ERIC YOUNGBLOOD Y ou can sing “ some day my prince will come” with LAISAFAIR .
KEN Well done lads for finding him though I can take over from here.
ERIC YOUNGBLOOD You two can come along to our opening night party, what do you say.
RUFFUS I suspect your production is going to need us when filming starts anyway.
DAVID CHANG I ’ LL SHOW YOU THE QUAD BIKES BEFORE YOU LEAVE .
David takes RUFFUS and ROY over the loose gravel car park to where the quad bikes are.
DAVID CHANG Here put a helmet on and away you go.
ROY Race you for pink slips buddy.
RUFFUS Don‟t think I ’ m letting you get your hands on my MAZDA 323 now.
ROY Well don ’ t think your getting your hands on my FORD ORION.
DAVID CHANG Right then guy ’ s on your marks , get set go.
The two men speed along the driveway around the perimeter of THE CHAUCER INDUSTRIAL ESTATE on BRONZE, SILVER, and GOLD emblazoned with VICTOR COMPANY OF JAPAN in mauve letters .
A yellow sports car stops in front of UNIT 1 and JOE CAPP clambers out and walks through the gates and over to the group standing surrounding LASAFAIR .
pulls up and JOE CAPP gets out and comes over
JOE CAPP There is a button under its right arm activating its CPU, so here goes.
The lights come on and the robot says “yes Master how may I help you “
JOE CAPP So you vocabulary can still produce cognitive function .
ROBOT I had been forced to watch that banger racing video as my screen saver and I could not let that RENAULT MAGANN be smashed up , it seemed wrong .
KEN STRAKER I'm just amazed you managed to get from your stand in the playing fields halfway across town to the breakers yard .
JOE CAPP A nd find the vehicle that you say you where looking at on a screensaver .

LASAFAIR I had the location of the breakers yard next door from the footage filmed by the TRAFALGAR GANG.
JOE CAPP Giving you some local knowledge and increasing your virtual memory has produced this result of a new program altogether ?
GERALDINE BREWER **[TWEED FLAIRED TROUSERS and RED POLO KNECK JUMPER]** Could it be a virus from the network?
JOE We can not rule that out , now I have this dilemma.
KEN Yes I guessed as much, in order to investigate this program you have to plug him back into the same network that might have produced it.
Just then the two delivery men speed back into the car park in a photo finish.
ROY That‟s it I‟m having you MAZDA.
RUFFUS I'll have this quad bike and apply to be a traffic policeman .
JOE Just in time, guy‟s were about to decide if we can let him back into the network.
RUFFUS JUST SAY he fell for a car the same as you or me and put him back.
Joe phones the office where HARMONY HARPER is in her sound studio for foundation radio.
JOE Tell control to reinstate our mascot into the ORAC network .
HARMONY HARPER We go live in 5 minutes. Joe, can I call on You.
The cast and crew of JUGHEAD all say **“go for it J oe “**
HARMONY HARPER We go live now for a report on our mascot ROBOT. Our CEO Joe Capp is at the scene, Joe what's happening .
JOE CAPP A n unexplained program caused our mascot thats stationed at newtown to go on a mission of his own.
HARMONY HARPER It took an extensive search to find him in a breakers yard in the suburbs of NEWTOWN.
JOE CAPP Although we do not know the reason for this new program we're putting it down to love for a fine automobile just like you and me.
The Robot shudders and says “wow I now have full access to the network , and I‟m very impressed.
I can choose from one hundred channels competing for ratings along with the central news feeds “

HARMONY HARPER Y ou hear that folks ?
JOE CAPP H e is going to star in our up and coming youth reality TV show known as JUGHEAD.
HARMONY HARPER AND NOW BACK TO OUR SCHEDULED PROGRAMES .